UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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JOAN FALLON,	

Plaintiff,

<u>ANSWER</u>

-against-

07 CV 3424 (J. CASTEL)

NATIONAL PASSENGER RAIL ROAD CORP. d/b/a AMTRAK,

Defendant.	
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Defendant National Railroad Passenger Corporation, a/k/a Amtrak ("Amtrak"), incorrectly sued herein as National Passenger Rail Road Corp. d/b/a Amtrak, by its attorneys, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford P.C., answers the Complaint as follows:

### WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTIES

FIRST: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "1" of the Complaint.

SECOND: Defendant Amtrak admits the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "2" of the Complaint.

#### WITH RESPECT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE

THIRD: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "3" of the Complaint.

FOURTH: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "4" of the Complaint.

FIFTH: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "5" of the Complaint.

SIXTH: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of the Complaint.

# WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

SEVENTH: Defendant Amtrak denies the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "7" of the Complaint.

EIGHTH: Defendant Amtrak admits the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "8" of the Complaint.

NINTH: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "9" of the Complaint.

TENTH: Defendant Amtrak denies the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "10" of the Complaint.

ELEVENTH: Defendant Amtrak denies the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "11" of the Complaint.

TWELFTH: Defendant Amtrak denies the truth of each and every allegation contained in paragraph "12" of the Complaint.

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

THIRTEENTH: Any injuries suffered by plaintiff were caused solely by her own negligence and not by any negligence of the defendant Amtrak.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

FOURTEENTH: Any injuries suffered by plaintiff were caused, in part, by her own negligence, and any recovery by plaintiff must be diminished in proportion to that part of her injuries attributable to her own negligence.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

FIFTEENTH: Any injuries suffered by plaintiff were not caused by a negligent act or omission of defendant Amtrak or any individual acting under its direction or control.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

SIXTEENTH: If plaintiff has sustained any damages in this matter, which defendant Amtrak denies, then defendant Amtrak's liability, if any, shall be limited in accordance with Article 16 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

SEVENTEENTH: Plaintiff failed to mitigate or otherwise act to lessen or reduce the damages alleged in the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, defendant Amtrak demands judgment dismissing the Complaint herein, together with its costs and disbursements, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.

Dated: New York, New York June 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

LANDMAN CORSI BALLAINE & FORD P.C.

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

MIRIAM DEIKUN, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that deponent is not a party to the action, is over 18 years of age and resides at QUEENS, NEW YORK.

That on the  $11^{\text{TH}}$  day of June, 2007, deponent served the within **ANSWER** 

upon

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attorneys in this action, at the addresses designated by said attorneys for that purpose by depositing a true copy of same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States post office department within the State of New York.

Miriam Deikun

Sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007

Notary

JELENA BRIGIDA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01BR6156932
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires Dec. 4, 2010